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**STATE RECEIVES GRANT TO PROVIDE SUPPORT SERVICES
FOR ELDERLY AND DISABLED CLIENTS**

HONOLULU-The Housing and Community Development Corporation of Hawai'i (HCDCH) has received a three-year, \$300,000 grant to provide critical support services for elderly and disabled clients at Pumehana and Punchbowl Homes on Oahu.

The grant comes from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Resident Opportunities and Self Sufficiency (ROSS) program, which funds services for elderly and disabled individuals who live in federally-assisted housing so they can lead independent lives.

"The ROSS grant helps us support our elderly and disabled clients by providing them with the tools and services that allow them to continue living in their homes," Governor Linda Lingle said.

HCDCH is working with the Honolulu Gerontology Program of Child and Family Service to use the grant to provide case management, group activities and translation services for clients. The agency also works with the Department of Human Services to offer programs that delay institutionalization for elderly clients, such as the Nursing Home Without Walls program.

"We are pleased to be a recipient of this HUD grant," HCDCH Executive Director Stephanie Aveiro said. "The services offered through the ROSS grant will help our clients live in their own homes safely and independently and improve their quality of their lives."

Pumehana is a 139-unit high-rise building for elderly and disabled residents. Punchbowl Homes is a 156-unit mid-rise development with 143 units designated for elderly and disabled residents. Both are federal housing projects managed by HCDCH.

Hawai'i is one of 41 states awarded the grant. More than \$44 million in ROSS grants will be distributed to the states and the District of Columbia. The funding is distributed under three models, which are resident service delivery models, neighborhood networks and homeownership support services.

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